



# TEMPLE EMANUEL Bulletin

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, May 10 12 p.m.  
**Women's Auxiliary:  
Annual Meeting and Luncheon**

**M**embers and their guests are invited to our end-of-the year luncheon and meeting, which includes the election of officers and board members. Our special guest is food critic and author Arthur Schwartz. The luncheon couvert is \$25 per person.

Thursday, May 19 6 p.m.  
**Men's Club: Annual Dinner  
and Samuel Sacks Achievement Award**

**A**ll Temple members and their guests are invited to join us in honoring Richard R. Valcourt for his years of dedicated service. The cost is \$50 per person.

## SABBATH SERVICES

**Friday evening, May 13  
Main Sanctuary**

Organ Recital—5 p.m.  
Sabbath Eve Service—5:15 p.m.  
WQXR Radio (96.3 FM) and Internet  
(www.wqxr.com) broadcasts—5:30 p.m.

**Saturday morning, May 14  
Women's Auxiliary Lounge**

Torah Study—9:15 a.m.  
**Main Sanctuary**  
Service—10:30 a.m.  
Torah Portion—Emor  
Readings—Leviticus 21:1-24:23  
Ezekiel 44:15-31

**Sermon: Rabbinic Intern  
Howard Goldsmith**

Tuesday, May 17  
6:30 p.m.

**Assimilation and  
Its Discontents:  
Untold Tales From the  
Early History of Reform Judaism**

**Featuring Jonathan M. Hess**



**A**distinguished expert in German-Jewish cultural and intellectual history, Mr. Hess is professor of Germanic languages at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he also holds an adjunct position in religious studies and serves as the director of the Carolina Center for Jewish Studies. His most recent book, *Germans, Jews and the Claims of Modernity* (Yale University Press, 2002), explores the contentious debates over the emancipation of the Jews in the late 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries in Germany. *Germans, Jews and the Claims of Modernity* was selected by *Choice* magazine as an outstanding academic title for 2003, and it won honorable mention in the Modern Languages Association's Scaglione Prize in Germanic Languages and Literatures for books published in 2002 and 2003.

**This program is the final session in our lecture series co-sponsored by the Herbert and Eileen Bernard Museum of Judaica and the Ivan M. Stettenheim Library in honor of the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Jews in America. Light refreshments will be served after the lecture. Enter through the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House, One East 65<sup>th</sup> Street.**

MEET  
THE AUTHOR

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 15 9:15 a.m.  
**Young Families: Storytime**

Temple librarian Elizabeth Stabler will read about Israel from our wonderful collection of children's books.

Saturday, May 21 TBD  
**Emanu-El League: Philadelphia Excursion**

We're taking our act on the road. Join us for a spectacular day trip. Watch your mail for details.

## CORRECTION

In the Archives article of a few weeks ago, the "d" inadvertently was omitted from the last name of Richard Rodgers. Dorothy and Richard Rodgers were both long-time members of the Temple, and those who still remember his participation in a Men's Club dinner in the 1950s will never forget it. We regret the error.

## B'NEI MITZVAH

**The following Religious School students will become B'nei Mitzvah this weekend:**

*Nicholas Hedley,*  
son of  
Lisa and Tom Hedley

*Max Henry Chopin de La Bruyère,*  
son of  
Stacy Schiff and Marc de La Bruyère

*Oliver Henry Levine,*  
son of  
Jodie and Howard A. Levine

**We are grateful for their sponsorship of Friday evening's Oneg Shabbat.**

Charles S. Salomon  
The Universal Funeral Chapel  
1076 Madison Avenue (212) 753-5300  
Our service is available in the Temple, home, or our Chapel.

## YOUTH PROGRAMS

Get ready for three amazing programs\* to be sponsored by Temple Emanu-El:

- Eighth Grade Leadership Academy
- Ninth Grade High School Academy
- 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade High School Academy

\*For students entering these grades in the fall

Each program will meet one Wednesday per month from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. for discussion about various topics relating to a teen's Jewish identity. Topics include: self-esteem, interfaith relations, current events, Jewish culture, Reform practice, social justice and Jewish ethics. An integral part of the Ninth Grade and 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade programs is an exciting trip to the Religious Action Center in Washington, DC, where students will lobby their congressional representatives. Students will receive 12 hours of community service for their efforts.

This is not Religious School. All sessions will be led in a casual manner by Rabbi Gold and next year's rabbinic intern, David Young. Dinner will be served. Watch your mail for exact dates. Questions? Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 204 or e-mail [nadiagold@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:nadiagold@emanuelnyc.org).

## PULPIT FLOWERS

**Flowers at Sabbath services this weekend are generously donated by our congregants:**

Richard L. Fisher in loving memory of his wife, *Suzanne Ehlers Fisher*

Ruth Katzman in loving memory of her parents, *Lillian and Max Katzman*

Mrs. Burton Kossoff in loving memory of *Burton and Stephanie Lynn Kossoff*

Robin M. Laden in loving memory of her father, *Leonard Laden*

Rabbi Stanley T. and Ivy R. Relkin in loving memory of *Leonard Jay Reade*

The Cemeteries of Congregation Emanu-El  
Salem Fields and Beth-El  
A limited number of above-ground crypts are available in our community mausoleum. For information, please call Dr. Mark W. Weisstuch at the Temple Office, (212) 744-1400.

# FROM THE ARCHIVES: TEMPLE EMANU-EL'S RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

For 160 years, Temple Emanu-El's Religious School has been serving the youth of our congregation. While offering a sound religious-based education, the Religious School also has provided students with various creative and social outlets over the years.

On Dec. 30, 1910, students published the first edition of the quarterly *Emanu-El School Chronicle*. In his opening editorial, Philip M. Wasserman (Class I, Age 14) writes, "The readers of the first few copies must not feel discouraged with its briefness or lack of material." He goes on to ask students to submit "articles of merit, giving details of

whatever occurs in the classroom or elsewhere."

In 1942, students created *The Ark*, a yearbook that was published well into the 1990s. Early editions featured essays, poems and even book reviews written by students. Photos documented various group activities such as the drama club's performances of "The Little People," a play about the French Underground movement, and "The Burning of Books," held in conjunction with Jewish Book Week.



Chanukah festivals and Purim celebrations were annual traditions. Assemblies—"both solemnly dignified and instructively entertaining"—were held every Sunday from 10:15 a.m. to 11 a.m. Other activities included student forums, a student choir (organized in 1944), a Girl Scouts troop and a Boy Scouts troop.

Wednesday classes were added in 1972 and Monday classes in the late 1990s. End-of-the-year activities featured both Closing Exercises and a Confirmation service.



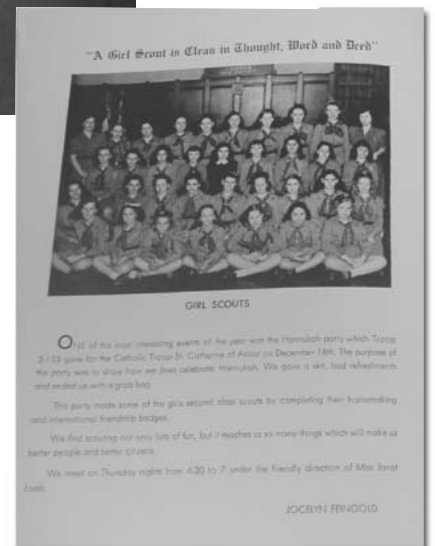
Above: Photos of the Religious School Alumni Reunion held June 4, 1995 (Shavuot 5755) and the Confirmation class of 1911



Left: Variations of *The Ark*



Right: An essay about the Girl Scouts troop written by Jocelyn Feingold (Chait)



## AROUND THE TEMPLE

The Orchestra of St. Luke's presents  
**MASTERS OF THE BAROQUE**  
with the St. Luke's Chamber Ensemble

**CONGREGATION EMANU-EL**  
Leon Lowenstein Auditorium, 10 East 66<sup>th</sup> Street

Monday, May 16 6:30 p.m.

**A BAROQUE SAMPLER**

Featuring Handel's Water Music Suite and  
works by Bach, Galliard and Telemann

Monday, May 23 6:30 p.m.

**BAROQUE BRASS**

Music from the Spanish Renaissance,  
Isaac, Praetorius and Gabrielli

*Masters of the Baroque is free and open to the public;  
concerts are approximately 90 minutes in length.  
No reservations are necessary. For information, call (212) 594-6100.*



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